THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):(a) and (b). Indigenous production of polio vaccine in the country is not yet achieved to meet the needs of the country. However,the country has oral polio vaccine blending facilities from imported bulk.

(c) A project to manufacture Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV)indigenously has been taken up by Govt. of india in 1987. A public sector company namely 'Bharat Immunologicals and Biologicals Corporation Limited(BIBCOL)has been incorporated under the companies Act. The company Is setting up a Manufacturingcum R&D Unit to produce 100 million doses of OPV per annum at Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh.The civil construction of the plant and accessory facilities is nearing completion.Indigenous production by this unit would commence during 1992.

Facilities are also being created at Haffkine Biopharmaceuticals Corporation Limited, Bombay for indigenous production of OPV. This unit will have a capacity of 30-50 million doses per annum.

Marketing of Drugs without Approval

4495. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
DR.RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of drugs and formulations are being manufactured and marketed in the country without valid approval;

(b)if so,the particulars of the drug companies found guilty in this regard during 1991 so far; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No such violation of (D & R) Act by drug manufacturers has come to the notice of the Department.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Flour Mills in Karnataka

4496. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a)the number of roller flour mills in Karnataka;

(b)the total quantity of wheat required by these roller flour mills every month;

(c)the quantity of wheat allotted to each roller flour mill from January, 1991 to the end of October, 1991;

(d) whether there is cut in the supply of wheat to these roller flour mills;

(e)if so,the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the Government propose to allot the required quantity of wheat to these roller flour mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD(SHRI TARUN GOGOI):(a) The Roller Flour Milling Industry was delicensed in 1986.Therefore,the details of the new Mills established thereafter or the Mills which closed down are not known to this Ministry.

(b) to (f). The roller flour milling industry being de-controlled and delicensed, the Central Government has no obligation to